

MAD MUMBLINGS



We'd like to start the column off with an announcement we are pleased to make. A collection of the best stories from MAD has been printed and bound in a Pocket-Book edition by the Ballantine Book publishers. Copies are available for 35c at your magazine-stands and book-shops. -ed.

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed reading issue #17 of MAD, but it gave me a terrible headache because some dope put the cover on upside-down and I had to stand on my head to read the book. I didn't want anybody to think I was reading the book with the cover upsidedown.—Flat Top—(No Address)

...What are the addresses of the bee-utiful candidates for Miss Potgold of 1955? I like the one with the pony-tail.-

Tommy Anvill-Brookline, Mass.

... My vote (gasp) my vote is (ugh) Miss Bontney Flent.-

Rich-(No Address)

...Enclosed you will find my ballot for the Miss Potgold '55 contest with one slightly aged bung; also, one genuine shark's tooth from Florida: and one sample of radio-active pitchblende from Canada. The shark's tooth is guaranteed to prevent paint-pots from falling on your head when you pass under a ladder. With one of these in your pocket, the painter will fall on your head.—Barry Roth—Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

... The returns are in from that Miss Potgold contest and George has won, hands down. However, the contest has been invalidated since most of you dirty cheapskate bums didn't send

along your bungs from kegs of Potgold beer .- ed.

because I don't have the money, there isn't any sold where we live, but mainly I don't drink beer.—Stuart Glass—(No Address)

... I liked the Potgold feature. I thought that the candidates took sheer genius to draw.—Brian Daly—Bronx, N. Y.

... I just had to write and tell you how much I enjoyed Basil's (Miss Potgold) story.-George Ball-Woonsocket, R. I.

...We know that lampoon material is dwindling rapidly, but that is no excuse for those (echhhh) 6 pages of tripe by Basil Wolverton in #17. Leave the pages blank and we can droodle

on them.—Al Heumann—Upper Darby, Penn.

...The girls you drew as the future Miss Potgold were disgusting and sickening. I also think you should leave the beer out of the comic-books. There is entirely too much beer being advertised now where kids can see it without it being in the comic-books. Now I know why they are banning some of the

...In reading issue #17, I liked very much the Potgold feature. I think that you really showed what beer is. Keep up the

good work.-(Anonymous)

...One item that you forgot in Julius Caeser is practiced by almost every comic-book publisher including yours! This is, the practice of putting exclaimation points after every sentence!—

Peter Graham-Fairfax, Cal.

Cruelty, and Misuse of the Word Potrzebie) were horrified when we read the letter of Mr. Moss, Pres. of SPAMWF (Society for Prevention and Misuse of the Word Furshlugginer), in which he came right out and insulted the word Potrzebie. Such thoughtlessness and insolence cannot go on unnoticed. We thought it was bad enough the way you were mutilating the true meaning of the word in your stories. We wish you would stop. Also, we demand an apology from Mr. Moss.

—T. R. Lee (pres. SPACMWP)—Waukesha, Wis.

...You can't imagine how shocked we at SPAMWP (Society for the Prevention and of Abuse and Misuse of the Word Potrzebie) were when we read the letter from that Burl Moss person.—Robert Jolly (pres. SPAMWP)—San Antonio, Tex.

...We think that this is a very uncouth accusation and from now on, we of APMUWP (Association for Prevention and Misinterpretation and Use of the Word Potrezebie.) will have nothing to do whatsoever with their silly word.—James Cromwell (pres. APMUWP)—Rush, Tex.

...We of the SFWP (Society for the Furtherment of the Word Potrzebie) demand an apology.-Philip Winterson (pres.

SFWP)-Winchester, Mass.

Roy Cohn. in MAD #17. It seems like you guys should leave your hands off politics in your mags. Communism is no joke!... and neither are the men who fight it. You can't stay in business writing stuff like that.—Nelson Lyon—Parsippany, N. J.

...MAD analysed: Psychologically—A release of socially induced inhibitions through hyperbolie portrayal of the conventional aspects in the inhibitory agents; Egoistically—A mechanism for personal (editors) and general (readers) exultation by ludirous grasping of the universal components which comprise existence; Historically—An inevitable reaction to the current evolution of human understanding where traditions, prejudices, systems, cultures and technology have been extended to unprecidented planes of specific intricacy but total incongruity;—Medicinally—An ingenious consideration of the world's prognosis and supurb panacea for the condition; Metaphysically—A bold and expansive effort at comprehending in the most possible omniscience and frequently sub specie aeternitatis; Pecuniously—A diabolically clever method of obtaining a speedy shekel (fast buck).—Ernest Sherman—(Negative Residential Indication)

Wallahi! What a magazine! The stories within these covers would have pleased the Commander of the Faithful himself. Has it not been truly written... There is no MAD but MAD, and Melvin is its Prophet. Salaam, Sidi Effendi, and by the Ninety and Nine Names of Potrzebie, give us more.—Sheik el John el Gaboury—(No Address)

...I think your mag is swell for squashing spiders.-B. L. D.-Blythe, Cal.

...I thought you'd be interested in knowing that your comic is more popular than igisher, ehougha, and many more.—Peggy Dart—San Diego, Cal.

...What kind of idiot is so touchy that he will mistake the Mona Lisa for the Madonna or shout "Prejudice!" when you satirize an already satirized Chineses (Mad Mumblings, Issue #17)? MAD is by far the most intelligent and mature comic on the market, besides the generally wittiest. From the start, you have cleverly pointed out the stupidities, the idiocies, the hypocracies of life today. You are the only comic that has dared to be subtle... to assume intelligence on the part of the reader. Your wide adult circulation has proven a point: that it is possible to be funny while you advance a worthwhile message. I think I speak for most readers when I say, keep it up. You haven't been stepping on any toes that don't need it.—Ted Nelson—New York, N. Y.

... I have read plenty of comic-books, and most of them are real childish. At least you have hit on a book that grown-ups can get a laugh out of. My buddies and I get a real jolt from your humor.—Pfc. Frank Blahnik—Yangu, Korea.

... Please be advised that your book MAD has been relegated to the incinerator since its first appearance in our home. Its ugly, sexy caricatures of the human face and form and suggestive theme are obnoxious. What a way to earn a living!—Mrs. M. E. Biggs—San Jose, Cal.

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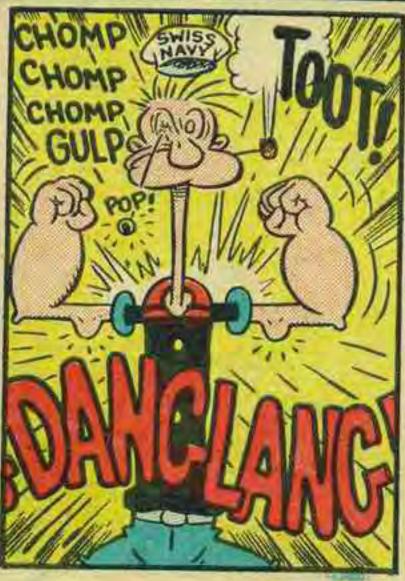
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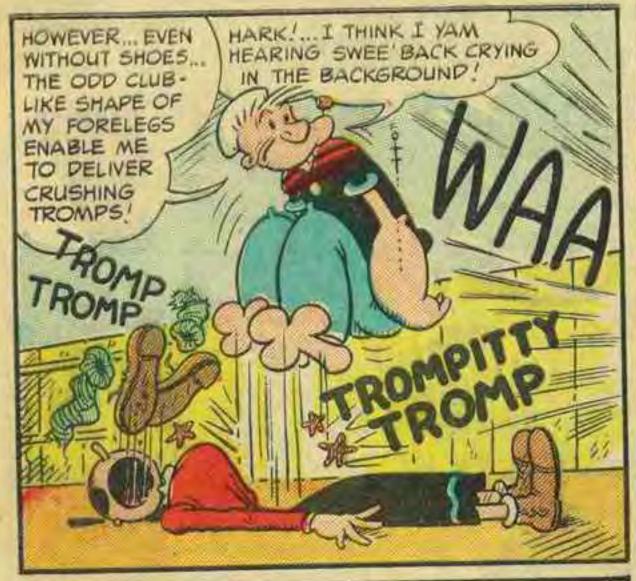
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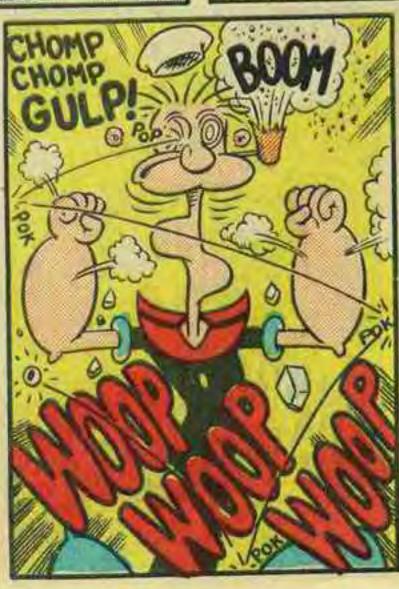










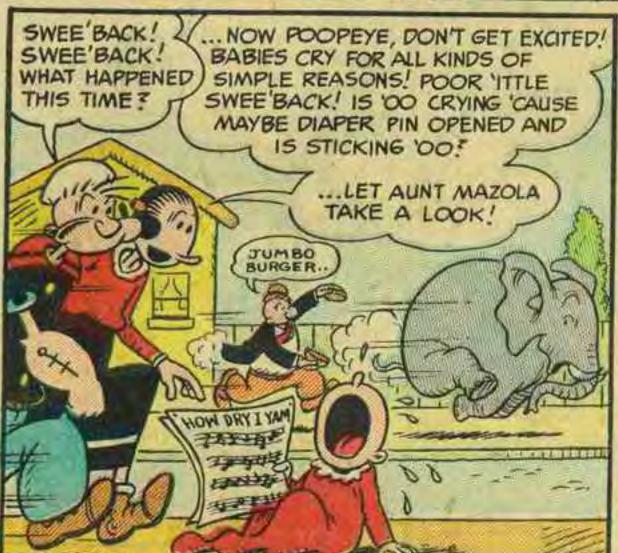


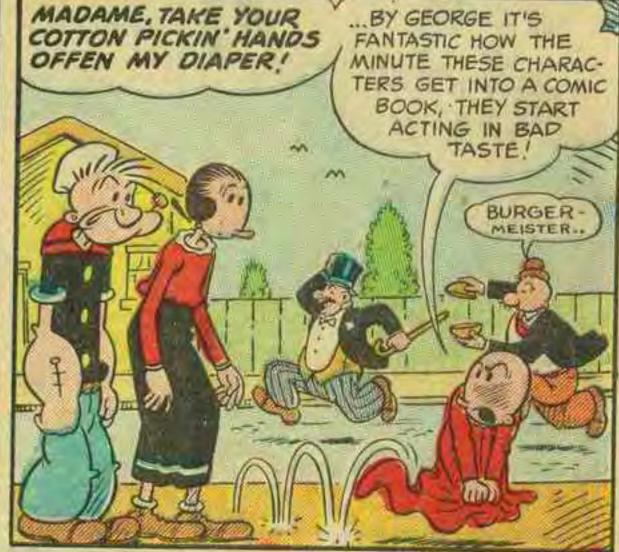


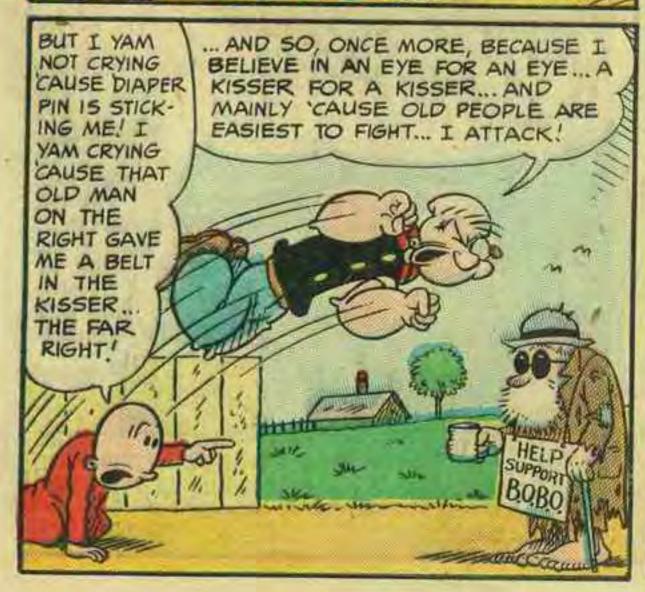


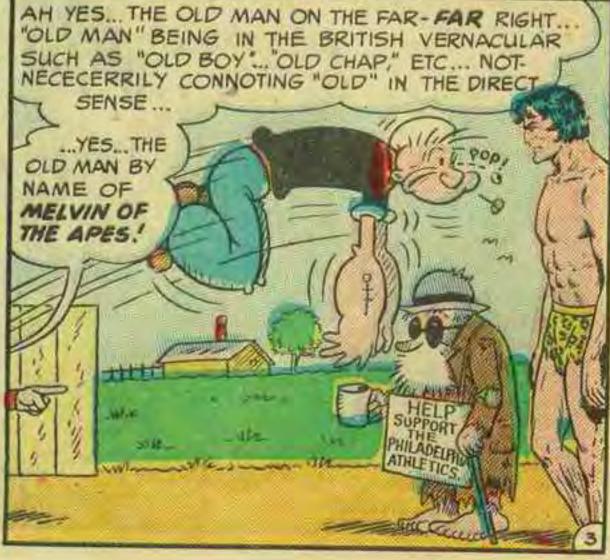




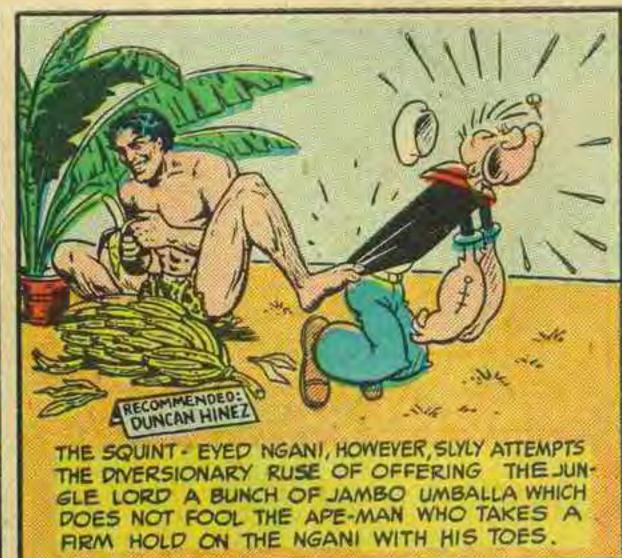






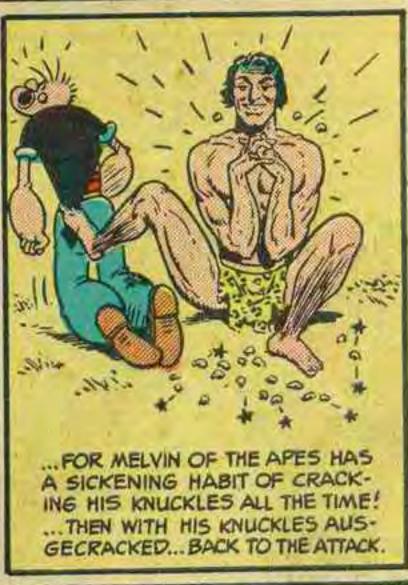




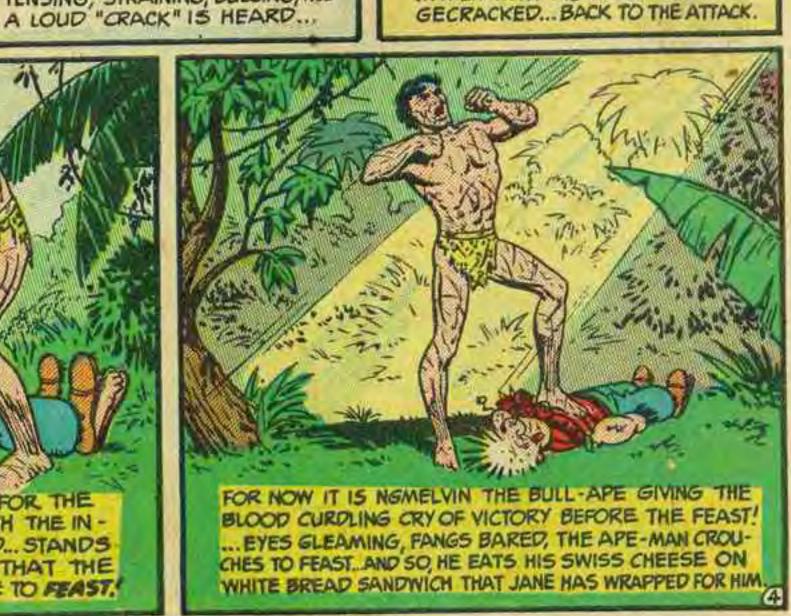




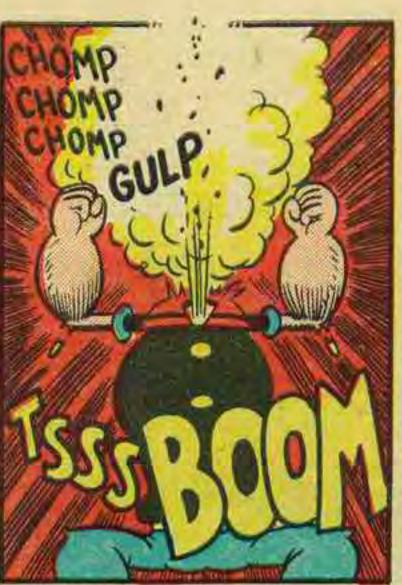




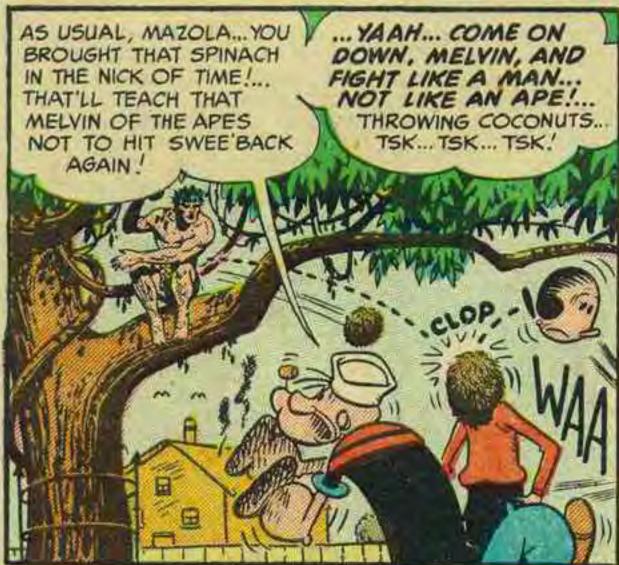






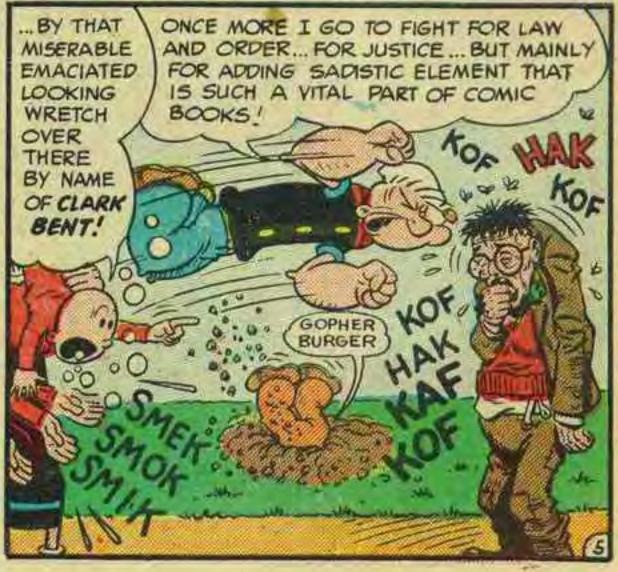










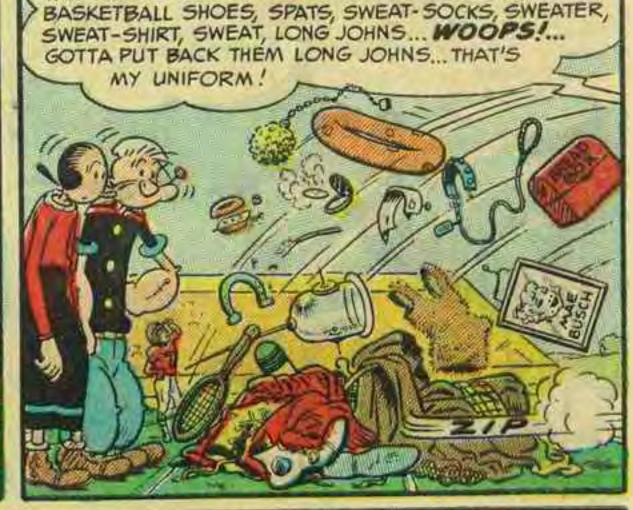








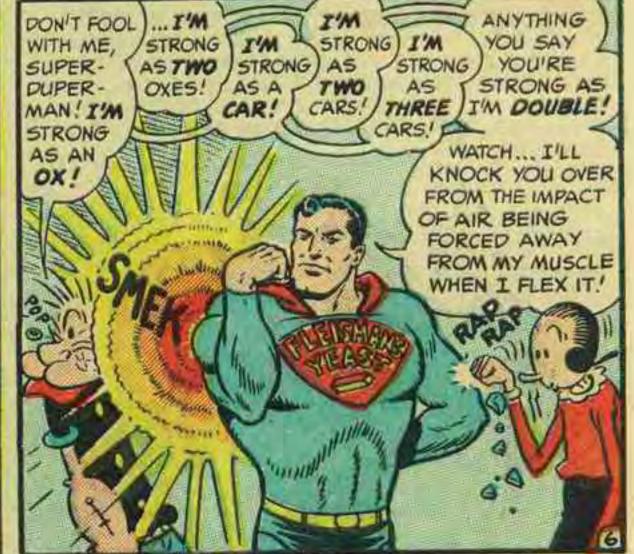




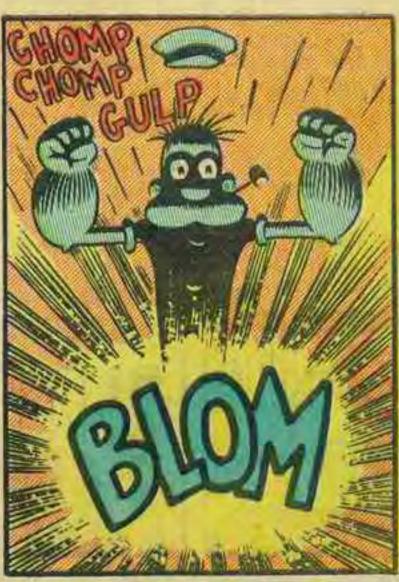
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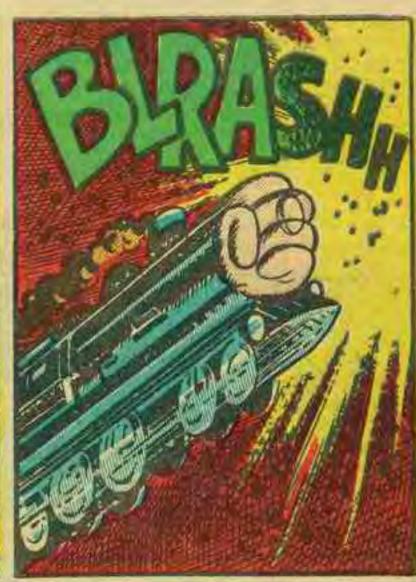
THIS PHONE BOOTH AND TAKE OFF MY COAT, SHIRT;

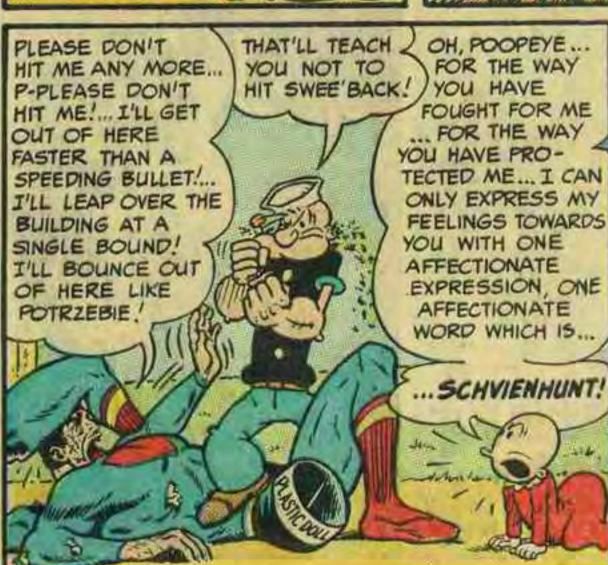


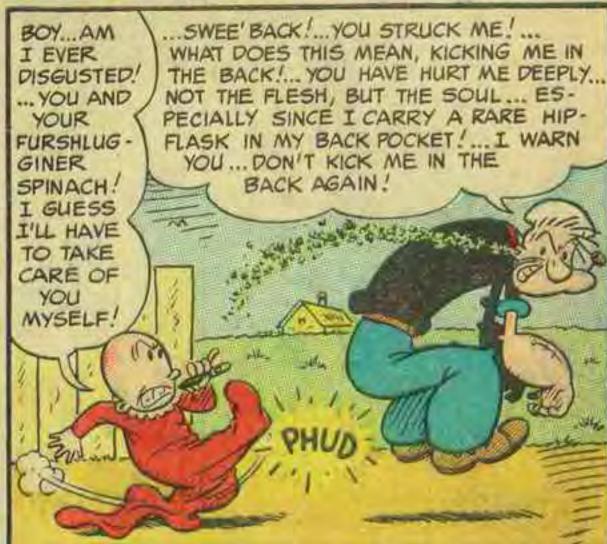


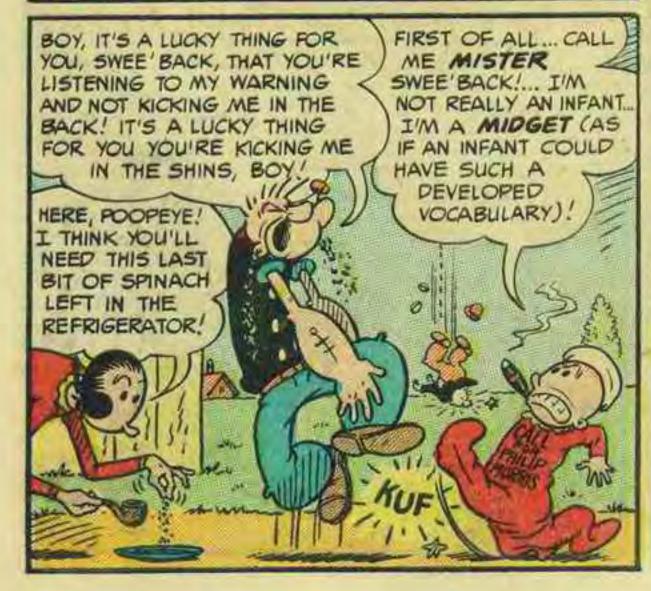




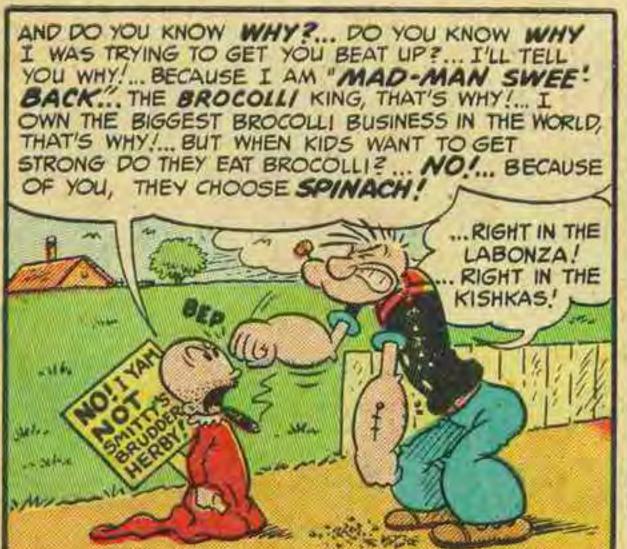


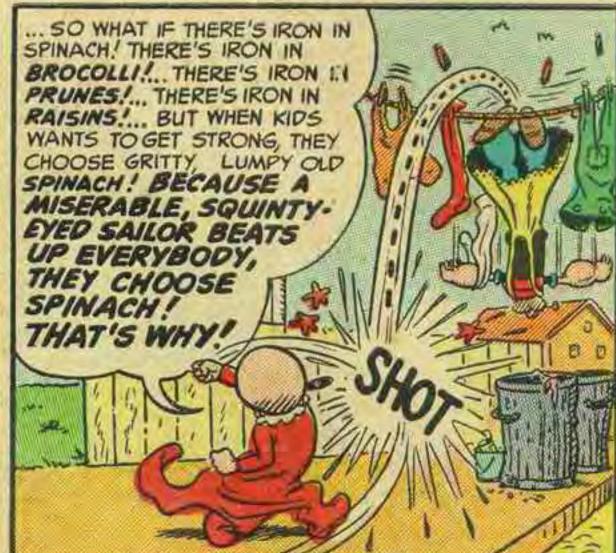




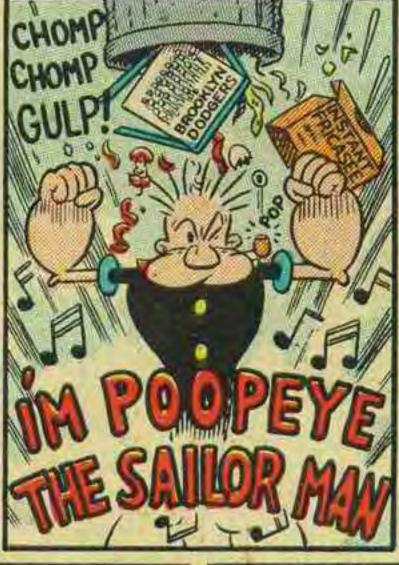






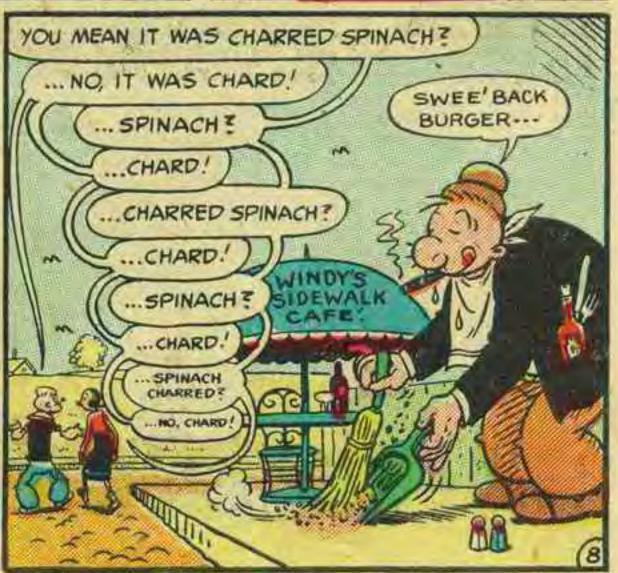












SCIENCE DEPT : YOU EVER WATCH ONE OF THESE SPORTS NEWSREELS WHERE THEY'VE SPED UP THE CAMERA TO SLOW DOWN THE ACTION ? BY GEORGE, THERE'S MORE GOES ON IN AN ACTION THAN MEETS THE EYE!... LIKE FOR INSTANCE, LET US SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO A GOLF BALL, BY GEORGE (THAT'S GEORGE DOWN THERE) ... WHEN THE GOLF CLUB STRIKES IT IN ...

F. HERE IS AN ORDINARY GOLF BALL ON A TEE!

GOLF CLUB APPROACHES CONTACT, WHERE CLUB

... FROM THE RIGHT, THE ... HERE, THE POINT OF

... NOTE INTERESTING

... NOTE HOW SIDE OF GOLF PHENOMENON CAUGHT BY BALL FLATTENS AN IN-ON DOWNWARD SWING! TOUCHES SURFACE OF BALL... THE SLOW-MOTION CAMERA... STANT BEFORE LEAVING TEE!



_STILL FLATTENING, BEND-ING THE CLUB AN INSTANT BEFORE LEAVING THE TEE ...



... FLATTENING, BENDING ... ANY MINUTE BALL IS ABOUT TO LEAVE TEE ...



... BENDING, FLATTENING BENDING ... ABOUT TO ANY MINUTE LEAVE ...



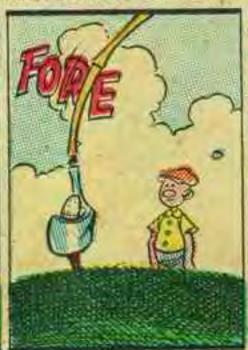
... BENDING, LEAVING BENDING ...



... SOMEONE NAILED THE BALL INTO THE ... HEY WHAT THE NECK ... GROUND, BY GEORGE!





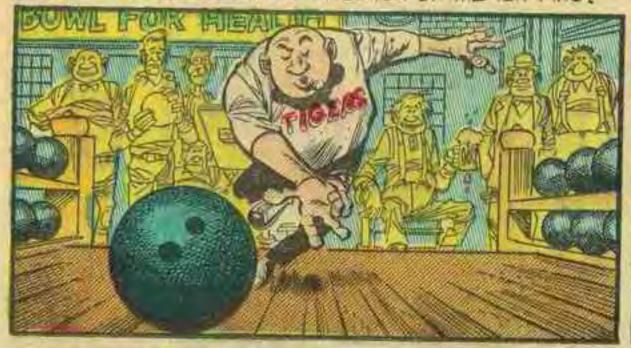


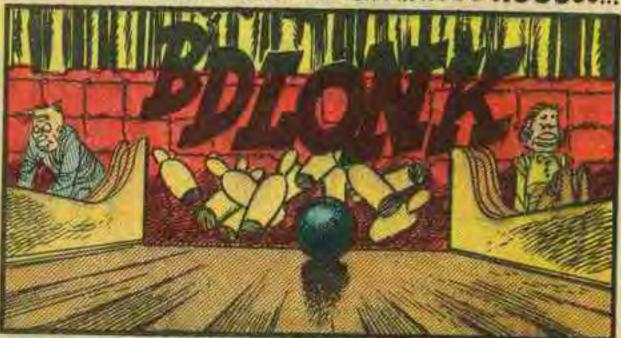




BOWLING: TO THE NORMAL UNAIDED EYE ... AN EXPERT BOWLER APPEARS MERELY TO PROJECT THE SPHEROID IN THE DIRECTION OF THE TEN-PINS!

THE BALL THEN, APPEARS, TO YOUR NORMAL, UNAIDED MISER-ABLE BLOODSHOT EYE, TO SHOVE THE PINS EFFORTLESSLY INTO THE PIT ... BUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENS ... NOOO HOOOO ...





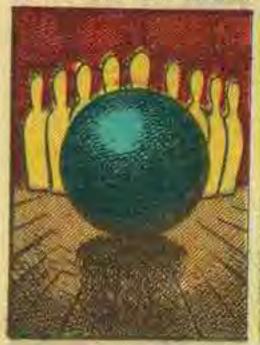
THE SLOW MOTION CAM-ERA COMES TO OUR RES- CIAL SPIN YOU CAN ONLY CUE! THERE GOES THE BALL ... NOTICE IN SLOW MOTION ... MIDDLE PINS FIRST ...

... TURNING A CERTAIN SPE-

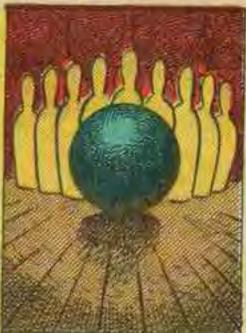
... THIS SPIN MAKING IT

... THEN THE CERTAIN REVOLVE SO'S IT HITS THE SPECIAL WAY IT HITS MAKES A SPECIAL WAY, IT IT TURN LEFT AND HIT ... TURNS RIGHT AND HITS ...

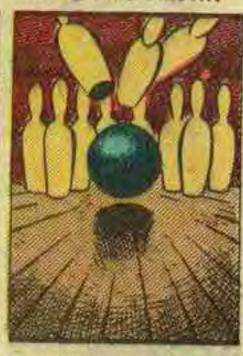
... AND IT HITS IN SUCH

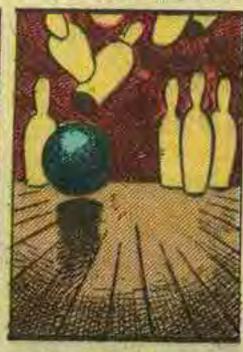


SO YOU SEE, IT AC-TUALLY HITS IN THREE DIRECTIONS AT ONCE!



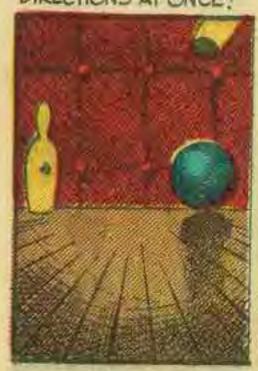
OF COURSE, THE UNAIDED BUT THANKS TO OUR SLOW THERE YOU SEE ALL THE ... THANKS TO OUR SLOW-EYE SEES ALL THIS







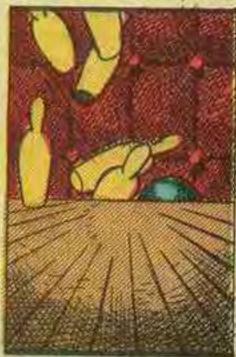
MOTION CAMERA, HA HA ... PINS COMING TO REST IN MOTION CAMERA, WE NO-ACTION AS A HAZY BLUR! WE KNOW BETTER, EH? THE PIT AND ... UH OH ... TICE ONE PIN STANDING!



HOWEVER, YOU WILL NO-TICE BALL IS STILL SPINNING IN THE PIT ...



... IN SUCH A CERTAIN SPECIAL SPIN ENABLING IT TO LEAP FROM PIT ...



... STRIKING THE RE-MAINING PIN AND SPIN-NING BACK INTO THE PIT!



AND NOW EVERYTHING HAS BEEN STRUCK DOWN INTO THE PIT!



NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE UNAIDED EYE SEES ALL THIS AS A HAZY BLUR!





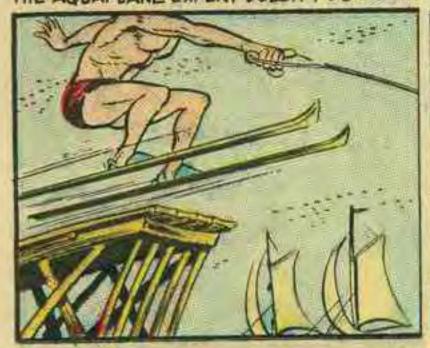


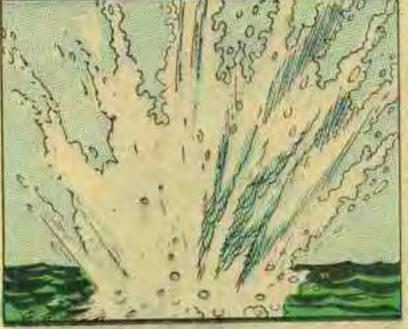


AQUAPLANING: TO THE NAKED EYE, THE AQUAPLANE EXPERT DOESN'T DO MUCH!

WE SEE HIM SAIL THROUGH THE AIR AND DISAPPEAR FOR AN INSTANT IN A SPLASH! ... YOU WHO HAVE OBSERVED THIS ...

... OBSERVED THIS MERELY WITH THE NAKED EYE ... ALL WE HAVE TO SAY TO YOU IS ... SHAME ON YOU! GO GET DRESSED!







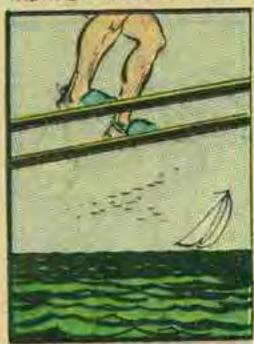
THE MAGIC SLOW MOTION CAMERA REVEALS THE TRUTH OF THE SITUATION!

FROM THE LEFT, OUR AQUAPLANER DESCENDS TOWARDS THE WATER!

POINT OF CONTACT ... NOTE SPLASH BEGINNING TO RISE FROM SURFACE!

NOTE HOW MOMENTUM ACTUALLY FORCES BODY MOMENTUM FORCES INTO THE WATER!

NOTE HOW DEEP THE BODY INTO THE WATER!











NOTE IN FACT HOW THE NATURALLY ... ALL THIS BODY GOES COMPLETE- HAPPENS SO FAST THE LY UNDER WATER ...

NORMAL EYE MISSES IT! ACTUALLY IT'S FAST!

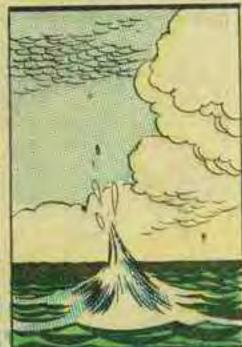
SLOW IN SLOW MOTION ... TAKES A FRACTION OF

... I MEAN, IT MAY LOOK ... ACTUALLY, THE BODY A SECOND TO BOB UP!

... THIS IS ACTUALLY ALL HAPPENING IN A FRACTION OF A SECOND ...











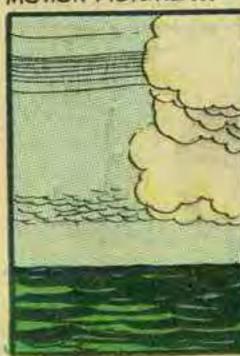
DON'T FORGET ... THIS IS ACTUALLY A SLOW MOTION PICTURE ...

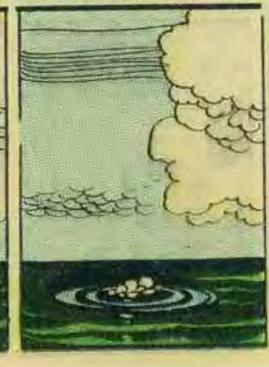
... AND ANY SECOND, THE BODY WILL COME TO THE SURFACE ACTUALLY ...

... ANY SECOND, TO THE SURFACE WILL ACTUALLY THE BODY COME ...

..WELL HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? ... TSK TSK TSK!

BY GEORGE ... THE BOAT BY MISTAKE WENT INTO THE SHALLOWS!











BOXING: TO THE NORMAL EYE, BOXING IS NEVER EXCITING LIKE WRESTLING OR ROLLER DERBIES!

TO THE NORMAL EYE, A JAB MAY LOOK WEAK! TO THE NORMAL EYE, A BLOW MAY LOOK HARMLESS!

... HOWEVER ... IF YOU GOT SUCH A BLOW TO YOUR NORMAL EYE, BOY WOULD YOU BE FARSHIMMELT ...



OF CUSS, THE MAGIC SLOW- HERE THE SEEMINGLY MOTION CAMERA SHOWS SHORT JAB MAKES YOU WO HOPPEN! CONTACT WITH THE FACE!



... HERE WE SEE THE GLOVE BEGINNING TO SINK INTO THE FLESH!



... BEING A RIGHT CROSS," ... NOTE HOW THE HERE WE SEE THE FACE FACE COMPRESSES TO BEING PULLED TO THE LEFT! HALF ITS WIDTH!



... HERE THE GLOVE LEAVES THE FACE IN ITS LEFTWARD JOURNEY!



... NOTE THE POPPING SOUND WITH WHICH THE FACE RESUMES ITS SHAPE! FROM THE BLOW!



... NOTE THAT THE HEAD 15 STILL SPINNING



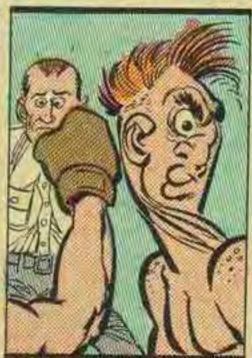
... NOTE THE MOUTHPIECE EMERGING FROM THE FORCE OF THE BLOW!



... NOTE HOW SOME TEETH FOLLOW THE MOUTHPIECE IN QUICK SUCCESSION!



... AND NOW WATCH HOW THE KNOCKOUT REALLY COMES ABOUT!



... NOTE HOW THE LEFT ARM IS ACCIDENTALLY



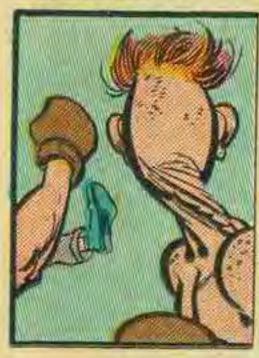
... NOTE THE HEAD, STILL TURNING FROM THE



... SMASHES ACCIDENTALLY ... AND FINALLY NOTE INTO THE UPRAISED



HOW THE AIR IS FILLED BEING RAISED IN DEFENSE! FORCE OF THE BLOW ... GLOVE, CAUSING KNOCKOUT! WITH REMAINING TEETH!











SKIING: TO THE NORMAL, AMERICAN EYE, WE THINK NOTHING OF SEEING THE SKIER FLY THROUGH THE AIR AND FALL HUNDREDS OF FEET!

... WE THINK NOTHING OF SEEING HIM LAND IN A BIG FLURRY OF SNOW! ... LITTLE DO YOU KNOW WHAT THINGS GO ON IN THAT BIG FLURRY OF SNOW!





THE FURSHLUGGINER SLOW-MOTION CAMERA HAS ALL THE ANSWERS! CONTACT WITH GROUND ... FAULTY LANDING!

... HERE, AFTER DESCENDING, ... THIS PARTICULAR OUR SKIER MAKES

SKIER HAS MADE VERY

... HERE SKIER REACHES ... HERE, SKIER, BE-CAUSE OF FAULTY LAND- APEX OF FIRST BOUNCE ING, LEAVES GROUND! AND IS READY TO DESCEND!











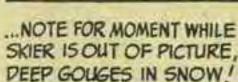
... HERE SKIER DESCENDS! ... HERE SKIER CONTACTS ... NOTE SKIS COMPLETE- GROUND AGAIN. THIS LY OUT OF LINE!

TIME WITH BODY!

... NOTE HOW BODY FLATTENS FROM FORCE TO HALF ITS DEPTH!

... HERE SKIER BOUNCES ... NOTE REMARKABLE ELAS-UP FROM GROUND FOR TICITY AS SKIER RISES THE SECOND TIME! OUT OF CAMERA RANGE!







... NOTE SKIER DESCENDS INTO PICTURE AGAIN, THIS TIME HEAD FIRST!



... NOTE HEAD ABOUT TO CONTACT GROUND WITH GREAT FORCE!



... NOTE FORCE WITH WHICH SNOW AND ROCKS ARE FLUNG FROM IMPACT!



... NOW NOTE SEPARATE PARTS OF SKIER AS THEY BOUNCE UP FOR LAST TIME!











SWIMMING: NOW IN SWIMMING, WHEN THESE CHAMPIONS JUMP OFF THE DIVING BOARD, WHAT NORMAL HUMAN EYE CAN CATCH ALL THE GYRATIONS THEY DO IN ONE DIVE?

THE MAGIC YOU-KNOW-WHAT COMES TO OUR THE BOARD IN A PER-@#m@# RESCUE!

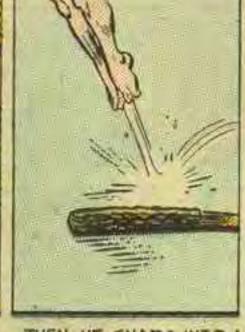
... HERE THE DIVER LEAVES FECT "SWAN DIVE"!



AN INCOMPARABLE "JACK-KNIFE..."

... THEN HE SNAPS INTO ... THEN, HE SNAPS INTO AN EXACT LEFT-HANDED A BEAUTIFULLY EXE-"TWIST-ABOUT ... "

... THEN, HE SNAPS INTO CUTED "TUMBLE ... "



... THEN HE SNAPS INTO A ... THEN HE SNAPS INTO GORGEOUS "RIGHT-HANDED A MAGNIFIQUE "GRAB-TWIST ABOUT (UPSIDE-DOWN) FOOTED FOLD-OVER ..."





... THEN HE SNAPS INTO A MARYELIEUX "GALLOP-PING FALL-DOWN ... "



... THEN HE SNAPS INTO A VUNDERBAR "FALL-DOWN DRAG-OUT ... AND FINALLY ... FULLY UNFOLDS ...



... AS HE APPROACHES THE WATER, HE GRACE- AIR IN A PERFECTLY THAT HE CAN MEET FULLY UNFOLDS ... EXECUTED "SWAN DIVE." THE WATER HEAD-ON!





... SLOWLY TURNING IN ... STILL TURNING SO'S



NOTE THE FEARLESS



... NOTE THE POINT OF OUTTHRUST POSITION OF CONTACT ... HOW THE POINT



... NOTE HOW THE BODY ACTUALLY COMPRESSES FOR



... WELL WHAT DO YOU KNOW!... NO WATER IN









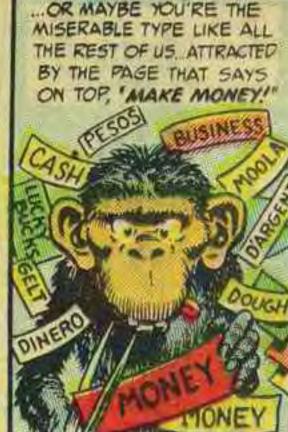


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for 36 years. I've been
for 36 years I've been
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LOTS OF RELATIVES I CAN
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THEY'RE A BARGAIN. T'ILL
TAKE 998 PACKS. NOW
DON'T FORGET TO HINT TO
YOUR EATHER TO MAKE SURE IN HIS WILL LIKE MY NAME IS YOUR FES. NEPHEN WILLIE,

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TO RAISE YOUR EYES...AFRAID TO SEE
WHAT YOU KNOW IS THERE, BUT,
AFTER A FEW TERRORIZED MOMENTS,
YOU CAN'T STAND IT! YOU DO LOOK
UP! AND YOU SEE HIM ...



HE SITS STIFFLY, READING HIS PAPER, NOT LOOKING AT YOU, NOT NOTICING YOU. BUT YOU'VE SEEN HIM, CARL! YOU'VE SEEN HIS FACE... THE ONE YOU KNEW SOMEDAY YOU'D SEE AGAIN... THE FACE YOU'VE BEEN AFRAID TO SEE FOR TEN LONG YEARS. YOUR MOUTH TWITCHES. YOUR HANDS OPEN AND CLOSE, WET WITH PERSPIRATION...



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THE OLD SWINEHERD LOOKED UP WITH HORROR AND AWE AS HIS TREMBLING HANDS WERE STRETCHED ACROSS A BOULDER AND HIS CHAINS WERE SHATTERED WITH THE BLOW OF A BATTLE-AXE...



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AND STILL LATER ... OUT AT THE ISLAND REEFS ...

WAIT A MINUTE, MICHAELS! I DON'T SURE I DO!
LIKE THIS SPOT! LET'S TRY THE I'M ALL SET!
OTHER END OF THE REEFS! YOU COME ON! TAKE
DON'T WANT TO DIVE HERE! OFF THAT SHIRT



KEITH DIVES, IN THE BOAT, ANXIOUS, STRAINED FACES WAIT THROUGH THE LONG MINUTES, WATCHING THE AIR BUBBLES BURST ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER...



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THE DOCTOR BECKONED TO THE SUBJECT. THE BOY HESITATED, THEN ENTERED THE OFFICE ... HOW HE STARES AT ME! SUSPICIOUS FRIGHTENED ... MISERABLE. HE THINKS I WANT SOME-THING OF HIM, TOO!

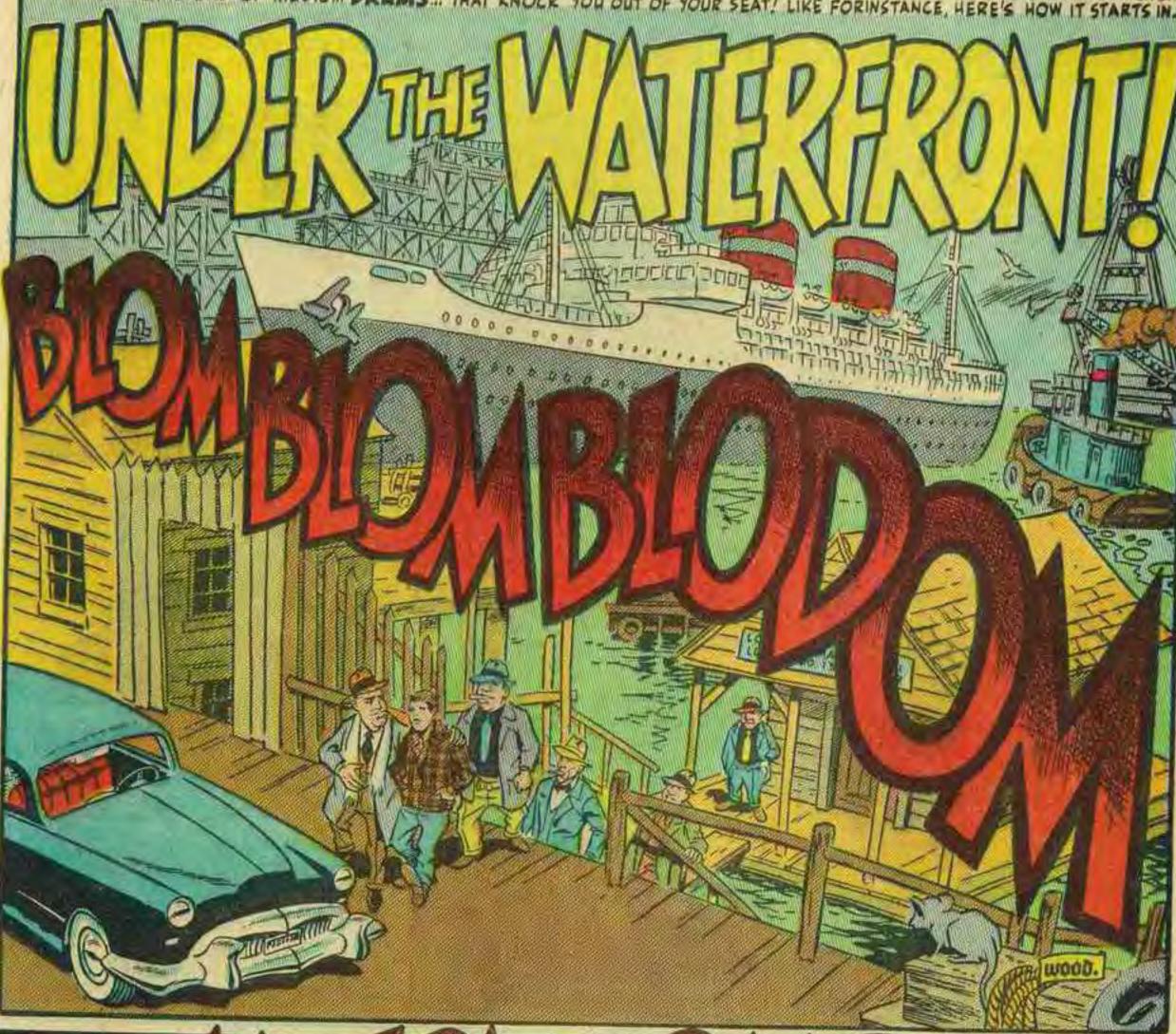


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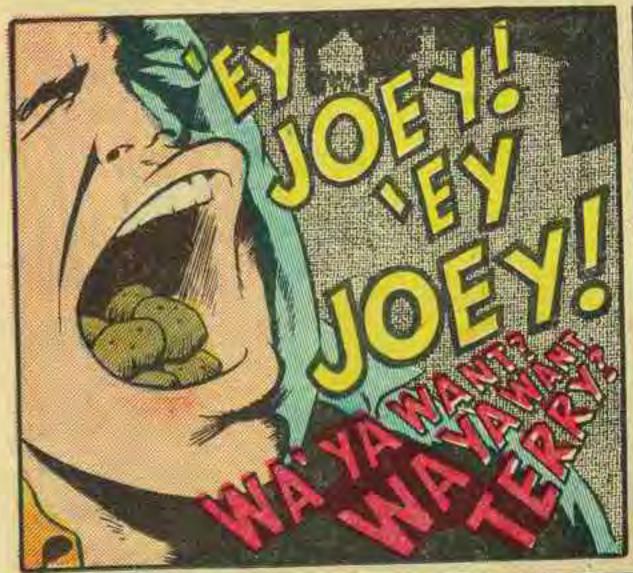
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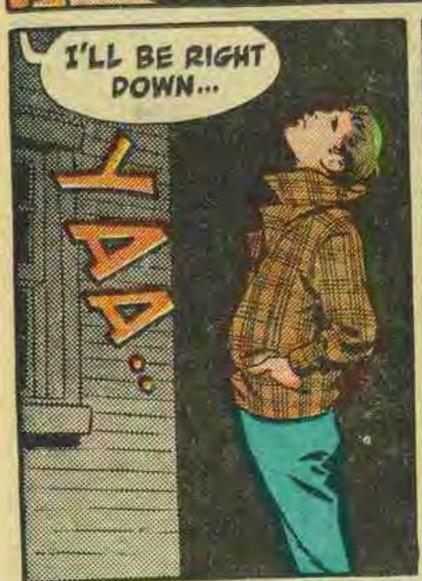
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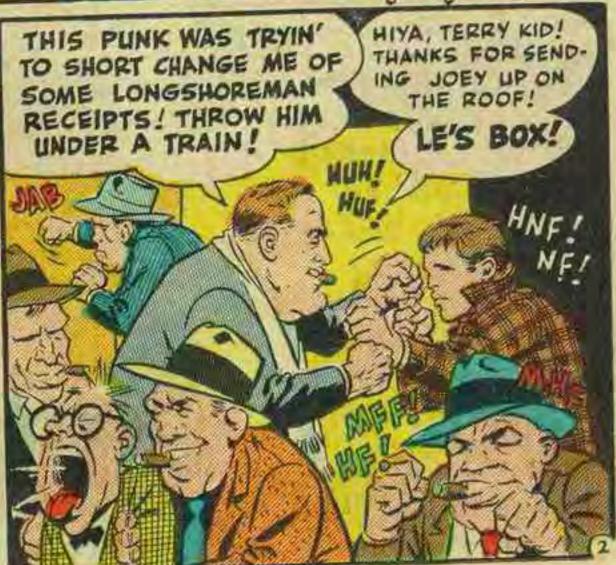




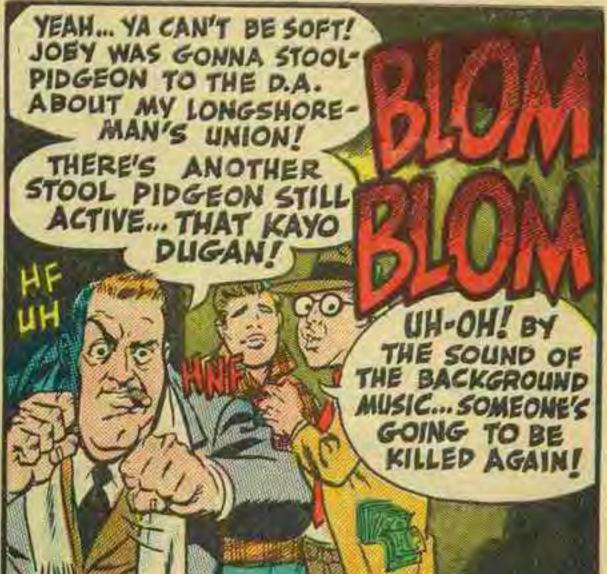












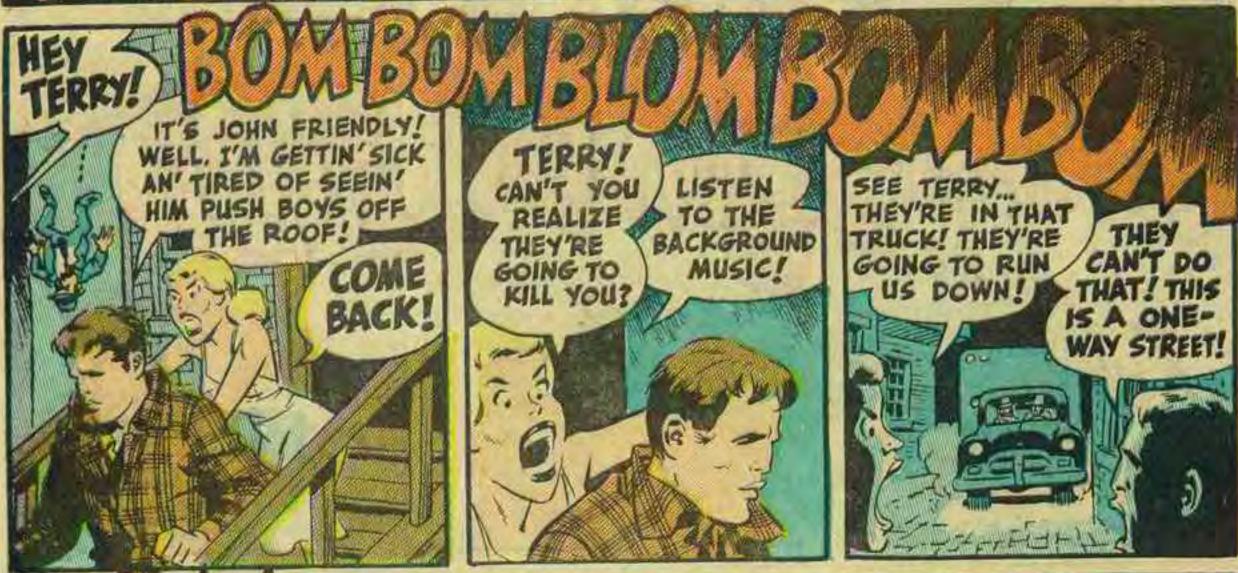




















Finally, as this, our current session draws to a close, we look at our calendar and calculate that at this moment, you, our reader, are somewhere in the waning days of December . . . the twilight of the year.

And so we momentarily swivel our swivel-chairs about putting the lampoonery, the buffoonery out of sight and out of mind, and we take up the pleasanter spirit of purely good cheer.

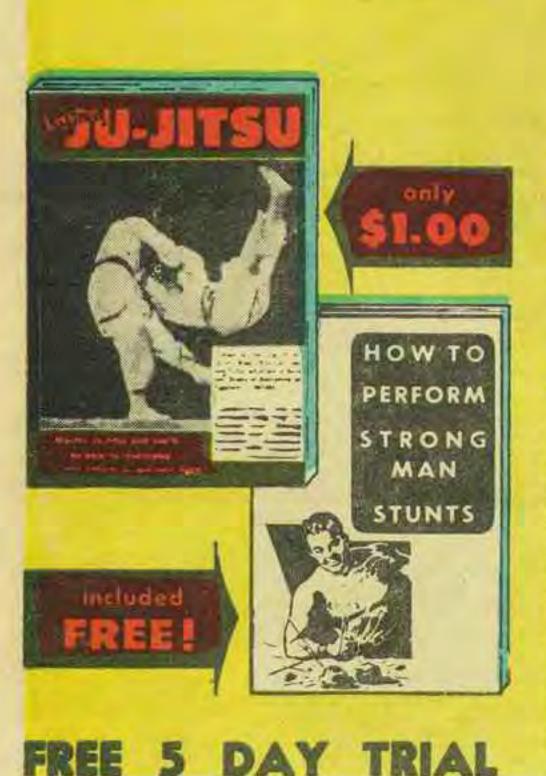
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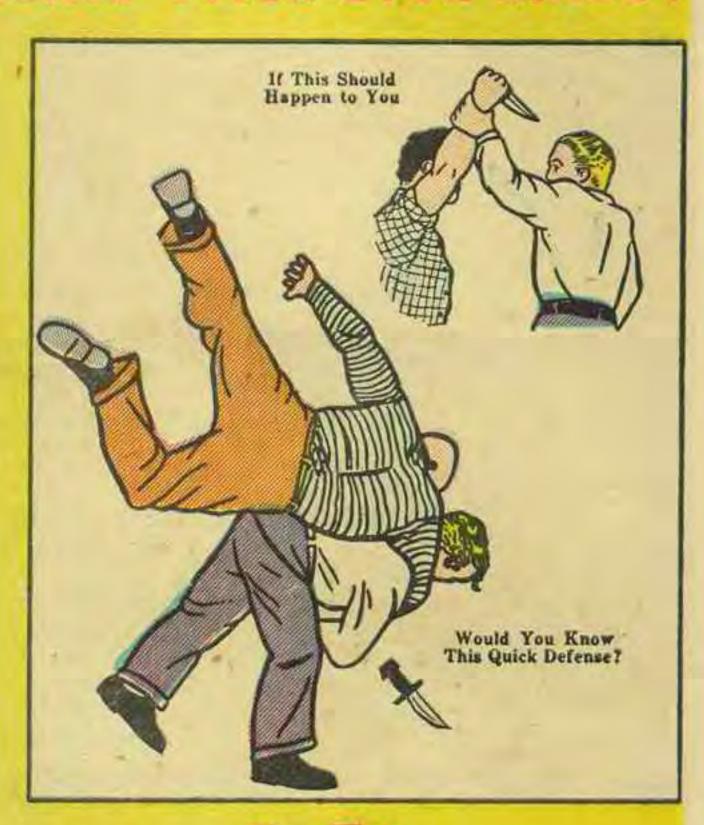
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